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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Request For Limited Modification Of LATA Boundaries To Provide ELCS Between Verizon's Lehighton Exchange Area (Northeast 232 LATA) And The Palmerton Telephone Company's Palmerton Exchange Area (Philadelphia 228 LATA): CC Docket No. 96-159

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter summarizes a telephone conversation held today with Alan Thomas of the Common Carrier Bureau, myself and Todd Darlington of Verizon-Pennsylvania.

Under the terms of Verizon's request for the limited modification of LATA boundaries in Pennsylvania, there would be no impact on our customer rates or service plans other than the expansion of the local calling area of Lehighton customers to include Palmerton exchange area customers.

Should you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to call me on 202-515-2534.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard T. Ellis".

Richard T. Ellis

Cc: Alan Thomas
Todd Darlington